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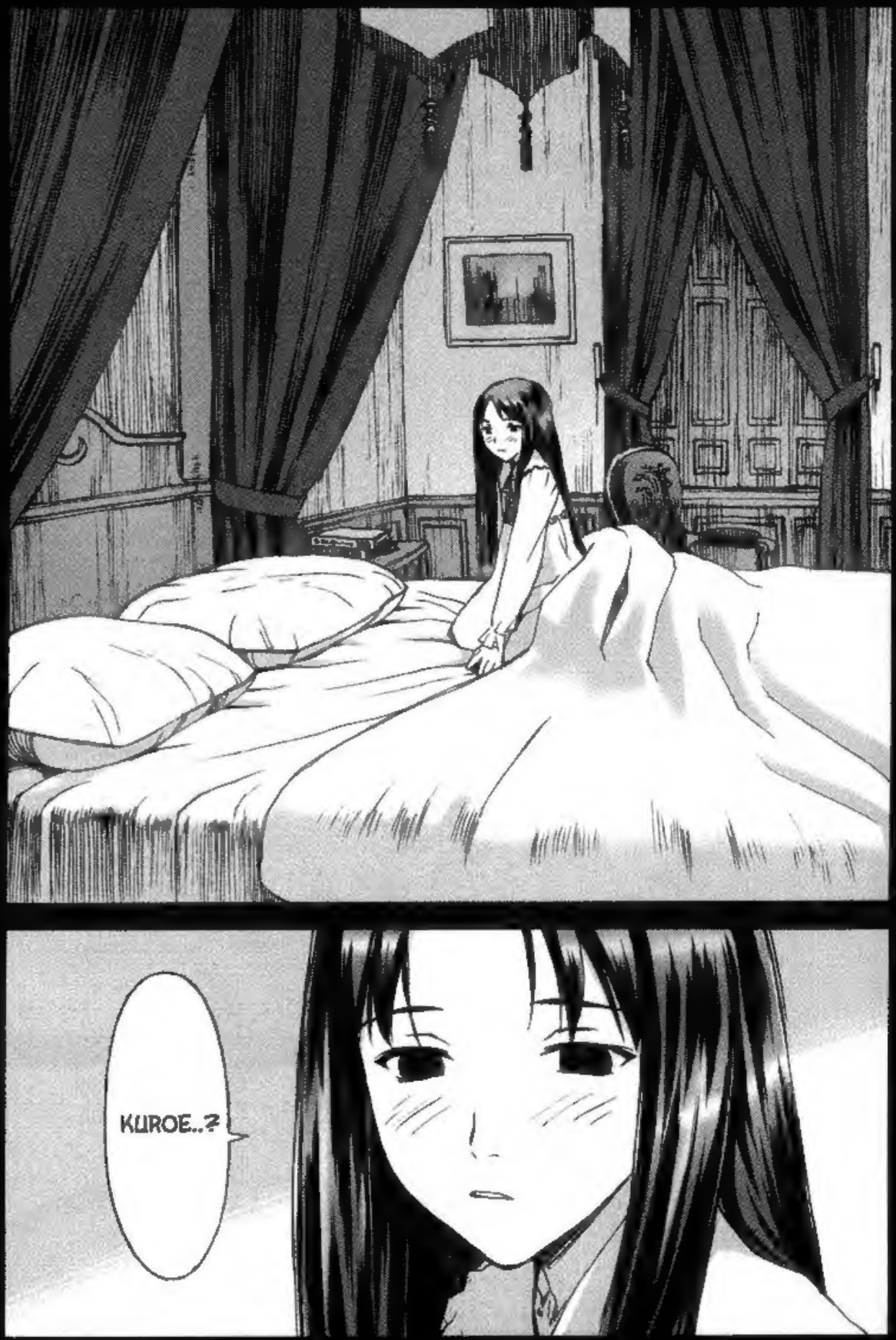
IT'S THE BEGINNING OF ANOTHER PLEASANT DAY.
AS DAYLIGHT FADES AND THE NIGHT RISES, I SLOWLY AWAKE.
PLOP
AND JUST AN ARM'S LENGTH AWAY, HIS SLEEPING FACE SHOULD BE...
.....


KUROE..?

GOOD MORNING MISAKI.
GOOD MORNING.
I SEE...
YEAH... I NEED TO HAVE THIS INSTALLMENT OF PAGES COMPLETED BY TOMORROW.
HAVE YOU BEEN WORKING ALL THIS TIME..?
THE TRUTH IS, I'M REALLY BEHIND...

WOULD... WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO MAKE YOU BREAKFAST?
.....
HOW RUDE~
OH..? I DIDN'T KNOW OUR LITTLE PRINCESS COULD COOK.
.....
SLAM
AT THE VERY LEAST, I CAN MAKE TOAST.

SHATTER
KYA..!
!!
MISAKI ..?!
UWAA!!
CLATTER CLATTER
CLANG
SHATTER
.....

AH...
EH HE HE... THE FRYING PAN WAS A BIT HARD TO REACH~
I HAD A FEELING IT WOULD END UP LIKE THIS..
!!
THAT MAY BE TRUE, BUT...
ONLY HAVING TOAST FOR BREAKFAST SEEMED A BIT SAD.
BUT...
YOU DON'T NEED A FRYING PAN TO MAKE TOAST YOU KNOW.

I...
I'M FINE! IT'S JUST A LITTLE CUT...
YOU CUT YOUR FINGER!!
UWA~
GRAB
!!
NO..!

IF YOU DRINK MY BLOOD
YOU WOULD BECOME A RENFIELD.
AND BESIDES...
SSSSHH
YOU CAN'T...
THIS IS VAMPIRE BLOOD...

I'M SORRY...
SEE? NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT...
SSSSHH
IT ALREADY HEALED...
PPSSSH
IT...
KUROE. PLEASE DON'T LOOK AT ME WITH THOSE SAD EYES.
IT ISN'T YOUR FAULT.

IF I LEFT BREAKFAST TO YOU ALONE, I'M AFRAID EVERY DISH WOULD GET BROKEN...
HMM~ IT'S TRUE I DON'T HAVE THE LUXURY TO BE FOOLING AROUND RIGHT NOW, BUT...
OH YOU~!
WHAT ABOUT YOUR WORK?
HUH..?
I'LL LEND A HAND.
ALRIGHT THEN..
AND I'LL BE ABLE TO GET MORE ACCOMPLISHED LATER WITH A CLEAR HEAD. DO I HAVE YOUR PERMISSION NOW?
JUST DON'T BLAME ME IF YOU DON'T GET YOUR WORK DONE ON TIME.
KUROE, WHEN...
MAKING BREAKFAST TOGETHER WILL BE A GOOD CHANGE OF PACE, AND IT'LL CLEAR MY MIND.
WELL..

WHEN I'M WITH YOU LIKE THIS...
I'M SO HAPPY.
SO PLEASE KUROE...
DON'T EVER PUT ON A SAD FACE ON ACCOUNT OF ME...

ANOTHER CASE OF A YOUNG MAN USING AN EXACTO KNIFE TO CUT HIS VICTIMS HAS BEEN REPORTED.
THE POLICE HAVE COMMENTED BY SAYING...
Beep
EVEN STILL, IT'S NO EXCUSE TO FALL BEHIND ON THINGS HAPPENING AROUND US.
Hmm~
OH?
I ALWAYS GOT THE IMPRESSION IT WAS TYPICAL FOR WRITERS NOT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE WORLD. DOES IT REALLY MATTER?
CLINK
I HAD NO IDEA ANY OF THIS WAS GOING ON...
.....
EVERYTHING SEEMS SO DANGEROUS LATELY

3 CUBES OF SUGAR WOULD MAKE ME SEEM LIKE A CHILD.
I'M AN ADULT AFTER ALL.
THE TRUTH IS, I LIKE MY MILK TEA EVEN SWEETER BUT...
AND TWO CUBES OF SUGAR...
I ALWAYS PUT A LOT OF MILK IN MY TEA
STIR
IT'S PERFECT ONLY WHEN IT'S TOO SWEET
JUST LIKE LIFE.
AH..!
SLIDE
SPLASH
WHAT ARE YOU DOING..? IT'S GOING TO GET TOO SWEET NOW~!

OH WELL... I GUESS I CAN'T LIE IN FRONT OF KUROE.
THAT SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING A POOR MAN WOULD SAY.
RING
RING
STARTLE
I GUESS YOURS ISN'T SO SWEET THEN.
RING
RING
OH YES, HELLO./ ACTUALLY, I'M STILL IN THE MIDDLE OF SOMETHING RIGHT NOW SO.. I'LL MAKE SURE TO CONTACT YOU AS SOON AS I'M DONE WITH IT../
AH../
HELLO?

UWAA~!!
IT WAS REGARDING THIS.
OH THAT..?
IT DIDN'T SOUND LIKE IT WAS FROM YOUR EDITOR.
THAT PHONE CALL EARLIER...
SO IT'S A JOB FROM YOUR OTHER LINE OF WORK THEN?
YOU GOT IT.
IT'S SO CUTE!!
HE HASN'T COME HOME SINCE YESTERDAY, SO I'VE BEEN ASKED TO LOOK FOR HIM...
HIS NAME IS JACKIE...
SO WHY DO YOU HAVE A PICTURE OF THIS CAT FOR?
AND I COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT IT TILL NOW

I GUESS THAT MAKES SENSE... SINCE YOUR BOOKS DON'T SELL SO WELL
IF YOU DIDN'T WORK HARD DOING THESE OTHER THINGS, WE'D BARELY GET BY...
I GUESS SO...
SOB
AH..! I DIDN'T MEAN IT THAT WAY.
NO, IT'S OK... YOU DON'T NEED TO APOLOGIZE.
IT... IT'S BESIDES THE POINT BUT...
I REALLY LOVE TO READ THE STORIES YOU WRITE.
IT'S EXACTLY THOSE KINDS OF WORDS FROM YOU THAT HELP ME THE MOST RIGHT BEFORE A DEADLINE.
of course~

.....
WHAT WAS THAT PAUSE FOR?
NO, THAT'S FINE...
HUH?
I WOULDN'T MIND LOOKING FOR THE CAT~
KUROE, IF YOU'RE TOO BUSY WITH YOUR WRITING
.....
OH THAT'S RIGHT~!
SINCE I'M SO USELESS, I'LL JUST SIT HERE DOING NOTHING UNTIL YOU'RE DONE WITH YOUR WRITING, ARE YOU HAPPY?
FINE...
IT'S JUST, I THINK I'D BE TOO WORRIED ABOUT YOU GOING OUT ALONE TO BE ABLE TO GET ANY WORK DONE...

HOW ABOUT INSTEAD..
.....
WELL OK... SINCE YOU'RE ASKING ME LIKE THIS.
YOU PLAY SOME BACKGROUND MUSIC FOR ME?
WHAT KIND OF MUSIC WOULD YOU LIKE?
GOOD QUESTION .
SINCE IT'S SO NICE AND COZY IN HERE RIGHT NOW
HOW ABOUT SOMETHING THAT'LL MATCH THAT MOOD?
WELL THEN...

Episode 1

ORDINARY LIFE

ありふれた日常　An Ordinary Day

CLICK
KUROE CAN I COME IN FOR A MINUTE?
KNOCK KNOCK
HMM... BUT WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO WAKE HIM? HIS DEADLINE IS COMING UP SOON
HE MUST HAVE BEEN TIRED...

.....
WHAT SHOULD I DO..?
NOW, NOW, MONSIEUR.. I'M ASKING YOU NICELY SO LET'S NOT USE SUCH COLD WORDS-
THE MADAME WANTED ME TO HIT YOU IN THE FACE UNTIL SHE COULDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU ANYMORE.
SWIEK..!
NO... NO MORE-!
WHY DON'T YOU JUST PROMISE ME YOU'LL NEVER GO NEAR HER AGAIN AND THIS WILL ALL END, OUI MONSIEUR?
SMACK
UUUL..
KKK!
SWIEK..!
SEE, EVEN I'M BOWING MY HEAD LIKE THIS...

SIGH~
KKK!
SMACK
AND BEGGING YOU.
YES.. I UNDERSTAND.
YE...
ARE YOU STILL NOT GOING TO PROMISE ME, MONSIEUR~?
I... I MEAN I'LL NEVER GO NEAR HER AGAIN~!!
HOPEFULLY YOU'RE NOT SAYING I DIDN'T BEG HARD ENOUGH TO GET THROUGH TO YOU?
I'M SORRY!! PLEASE~! I SWEAR I'LL NEVER GO NEAR HER AGAIN!!
AS A REMINDER, PERHAPS I SHOULD BOW DOWN AGAIN BUT EVEN FURTHER TO THE GROUND THIS TIME..
SOME-BODY HELP ME..!!

HEY
19
.....
DROP
THUD
I WAS TALKING TO YOU SLY!
IT SEEMS LIKE THE MADEMOISELLE OVER THERE IS CALLING FOR YOU.
MERCI-
THANKS, AND YOU'RE LOOKING AS STRANGE AS EVER.
BONJOUR MADEMOISELLE MISAKI.
AS USUAL, YOU'RE LOOKING AS BEAUTIFUL AS EVER.

SO WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU TONIGHT MADEMOISELLE? AND WHERE'S MONSIEUR KUROE?
NOW DON'T FORGET MONSIEUR, I'LL BE WATCHING YOU!
SHRIEK ..!
HE'S PROBABLY A DRUG ADDICT... AND JUDGING FROM MY EXPERIENCE, I'D SAY HE'S ALREADY KILLED AT LEAST 15 PEOPLE.
OH? THIS GUY LOOKS LIKE TROUBLE... JUST LOOK AT THAT EVIL FACE.
KUROE'S BUSY WITH WORK. I'M HIS REPLACEMENT TODAY.
REPLACE-MENT?
Hmp
A CAT HUH..?
AND WHAT'S WITH THAT EXPRESSION ..?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? HE'S A CAT NAMED JACKIE...
YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT HIM WOULD YOU?
HE ALWAYS MANAGES TO IRRITATE ME SOMEHOW...
THIS IS THE JOB.
SLIDE

I... I DON'T HAVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT!!
INFOR-MATION FEE.
NO, NO, NO MADEMOI-SELLE~
AS AN INFORMANT, I NEED TO BE PAID IN EXCHANGE FOR INFORMATION OR I WON'T BE ABLE TO EAT.
I'LL PAY, ARE YOU HAPPY? HOW MUCH..?
FINE..!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN PAY FOR IT?! IT'S JUST A CAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT..!
IF IT WERE MONSIEUR KUROE, I HAPPEN BELIEVE HE WOULD PAY.
IF THERE'S SOMETHING YOU WANT, YOU NEED TO PAY FOR IT.
THAT'S HOW ADULTS DO BUSINESS.
3,000 YEN...
WHA..?! THERE'S NO WAY I WOULD HAVE THAT KIND OF MONEY-!!
30,000 YEN
.....
...IS WHAT I USUALLY CHARGE, BUT AS A SPECIAL SERVICE, I'LL MAKE IT 3,000 YEN. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Note . 3,000 yen = $30

Note . 30,000 yen = $300

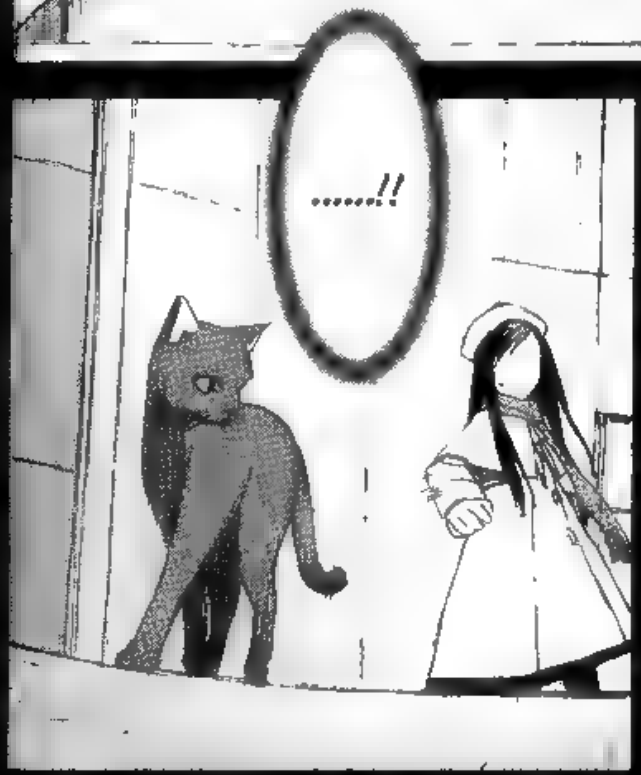
MERCI... AU REVIOR.
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I DID SEE A CAT IN THE SUBWAY NEAR THE HARBOR.
I'M GOING TO TELL KUROE ON YOU...
THAT YOU CHARGED ME ILLEGALLY FOR SOME INFORMATION.
BY THE WAY, MADEMOI-SELLE...
IT'S NOT VERY SAFE FOR YOU TO BE WALKING AROUND AT THIS TIME BY YOURSELF, THE SUN WILL BE RISING SOON.
MADEMOI-SELLE?
DOES MONSIEUR KUROE KNOW THAT YOU'RE OUT A...
!
.....

RING RING
HM..?
RING RING
I MUST HAVE DOZED OFF FOR A BIT...
!!
SHOOT...
THAT'S RIGHT, THE PHONE...
RING RING
!
MISAKI?
IT'S ALREADY MORNING..!
GOOD GOD..!
SLUMP
What am I going to do now?

MISAKI?
I WONDER IF SHE WENT TO SLEEP ALREADY?
RING RING
RING RING
RING
RING
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...

HOW IN THE WORLD AM I GOING TO FIND
ONE PARTICULAR CAT IN A HUGE PLACE LIKE THIS?
AND I CAN'T ASK ANYONE IF THEY'VE SEEN A CAT AROUND HERE BECAUSE IT'S STILL TOO EARLY FOR PEOPLE TO BE HERE.

I SHOULD HAVE ASKED SLY TO HELP OUT...
_Darn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I BELIEVE SHE SAID SOMETHING LIKE YOU ASKED HER TO LOOK FOR A CAT.
WHAT?!
AND CONTINUING ON WITH THE MORNING NEWS...
WHAT'S SHE DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THAT~?!
THE SUBWAY?!
OH, AND ANOTHER THING...
THERE'S NO POINT TELLING ME THAT...
I NEVER ASKED HER TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT!!
...IT'S BECOME KNOWN THAT THE YOUNG MAN ATTACKING PEOPLE WITH AN EXACTO KNIFE PREFERS TO TARGET PEOPLE IN THE EARLY MORNING NEAR THE SUBWAY.
THE POLICE BELIEVE THIS TO BE THE WORK OF A LONE CULPRIT, AND HAVE SINCE INCREASED PATROLS..
I'M PRETTY SURE YOU ALREADY KNOW, BUT IT'S NOT SAFE TO BE WALKING AROUND ALONE THESE DAYS.
THERE'S BEEN SOME DANGEROUS PEOPLE WANDERING AROUND OUT THERE LATELY, SO I SUGGEST YOU GO PICK HER UP SOON.
AND BESIDES, SIMPLY LETTING HER WALK AROUND ALONE AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT IS RATHER UNNERVING.

CLICK
CLICK
HAAA
HAAA

I'M TELLING YOU, I'M NOT TRYING TO KIDNAP YOU OK?
CREEP
CREEP
YOU SURE ARE QUICK AREN'T YOU?
ALL I WANT TO DO IS TAKE YOU BACK TO YOUR OWNER.
SO STOP RUNNING AWAY AND LET ME...
JUMP
FLOP
SLIDE
.....
GONG
CATCH YOU..!!
TAP

WHY YOU STUPID CAT~!!
IS... IS THIS CAT MOCKING ME?!
JUMP
NUDGE
NUDGE
uuu...
DANG IT.
DAMN IT..! WHERE IS SHE?!
TAP

HAAA HAAA
I...
I HAVE TO ADMIT... FOR MAKING A VAMPIRE LIKE ME RUN AROUND THIS MUCH, YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD...
HAAA HAAA
BUT PLAYTIME'S OVER.
I'M GOING TO BE SERIOUS NOW SO YOU'D BETTER BE PREPARED...
TAP
HM?

!!
KYAAA!!!
MISAKI?!
KYAA..!!
!!

MISAKI..!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT-?!

ARE YOU HERE BY YOURSELF?
THAT'S RIGHT. WE'RE ON PATROL HERE BECAUSE THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF ATTACKS AROUND HERE LATELY.
YE... YES.
POLICE?
POLICE
SIR, SHE'S ACTING A BIT STRANGELY. I BET SHE'S DEFINITELY A RUNAWAY!
HMM
N... NO I'M NOT!!
HMM... IT'S STILL TOO EARLY FOR SCHOOL...
YOU AREN'T TRYING TO RUN AWAY FROM HOME ARE YOU?
UMM...
HM..? WELL YES, I GUESS IF WE LEAVE THE SUBWAY THAT MEANS WE'LL BE GOING OUTSIDE. IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH THAT?
LEAVE THE SUBWAY..? DO YOU MEAN GO OUTSIDE?!
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS FOR YOU TO BE HERE ALONE.
WELL IN ANY CASE, WHY DON'T WE ALL LEAVE THE SUBWAY TOGETHER?

HUH..?! IT'S NOT MISAKI ..
UM...
AHH...
?!
I, UM...
THA... THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME!!
UUU...
YOU'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE ME MISS!!
PLEASE WAIT..!!
AH..!
LET GO OF ME!!

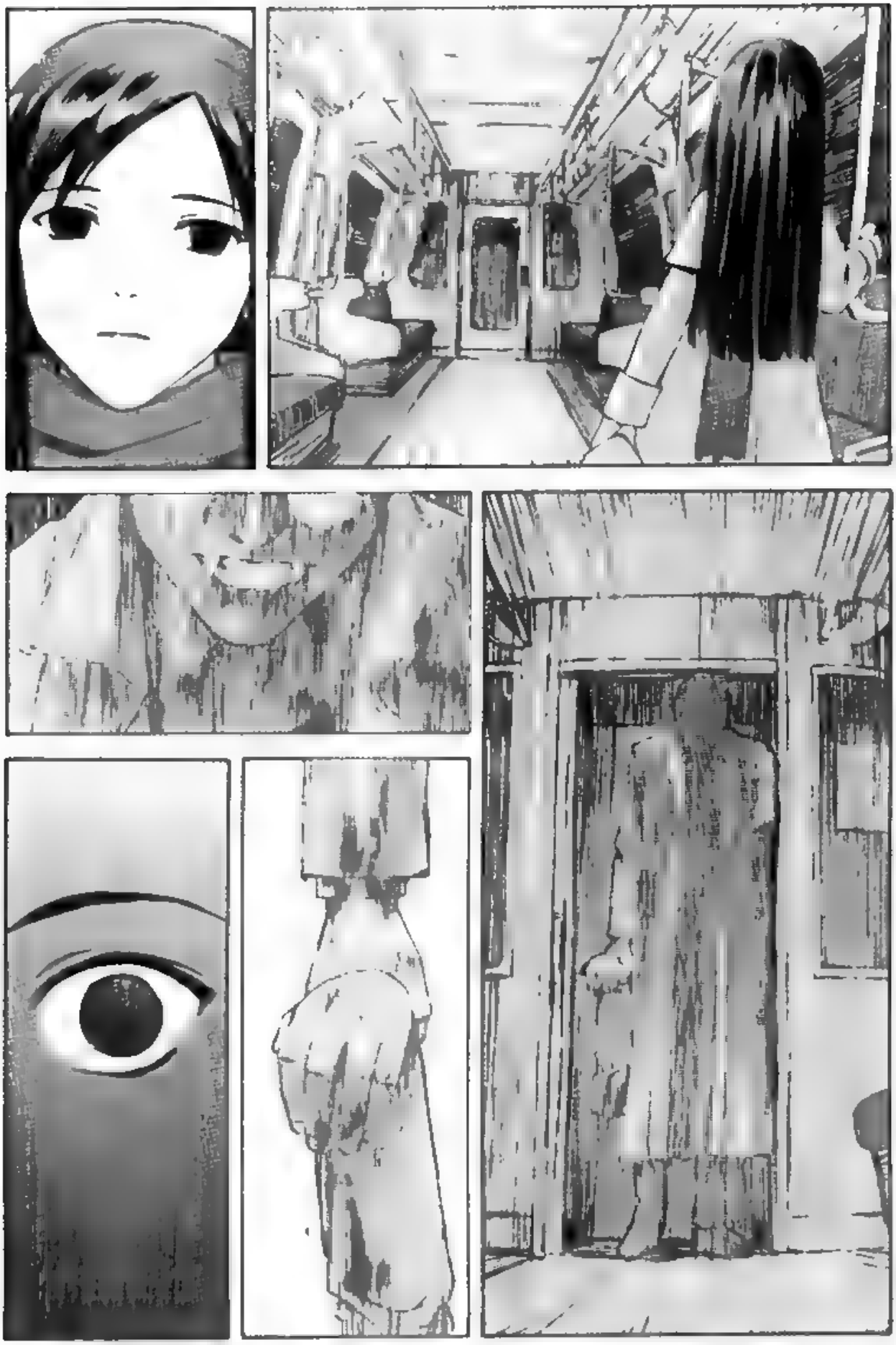
SMACK
AT THE VERY LEAST, PLEASE TELL ME YOUR NAME//
SHAKE
SHAKE
WAIT../
I'M TELLING YOU IT'S DANGEROUS DOWN HERE//
YOUNG LADY! COME BACK HERE!!
GOING OUTSIDE IS EVEN MORE DANGEROUS FOR ME RIGHT NOW//
BUT THEY WOULDN'T UNDER-STAND THAT../
GEEZE, THEY'RE BEING SO PERSIS-TENT-!!

MISAKI!!
KYAA!
THUD!
BUT WHY ARE YOU HERE..?!
KUROE?!
WAIT A SEC... WHAT'S ALL THAT ABOUT?!
KUROE! THIS WAY!!
HUH?
!!
STOP~!!

HURRY!! WE HAVE TO SAVE HER!!
YES SIR!!
DON'T TELL ME HE'S THE ONE THAT'S BEEN ATTACKING PEOPLE HERE LATELY?!
AH..!!
HE TOOK THAT GIRL WITH HIM../ IS HE PLANNING ON USING HER AS A HOSTAGE?!
DAMN!
SIR!! SHE WAS WITH A SUSPICIOUS LOOKING MAN JUST NOW..!!
THE POLICE?!
I... I WAS JUST LOOKING FOR THE MISSING CAT!!
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!!
JUST WHAT EXACTLY DID YOU DO NOW..?!

YOU THERE, STOP~!!
THE DOORS WILL BE CLOSING SOON.
PLEASE WATCH YOUR STEP AS YOU EXIT THE TRAIN.
NO IT'S JUST MAYBE IT'LL BE BETTER IF I TRY AND EXPLAIN TO THEM THAT THIS IS ALL JUST A MISUNDER-STANDING
COME ON KUROE! GET IN!!
HURRY!!
DAMN IT!!
WAIT~!!

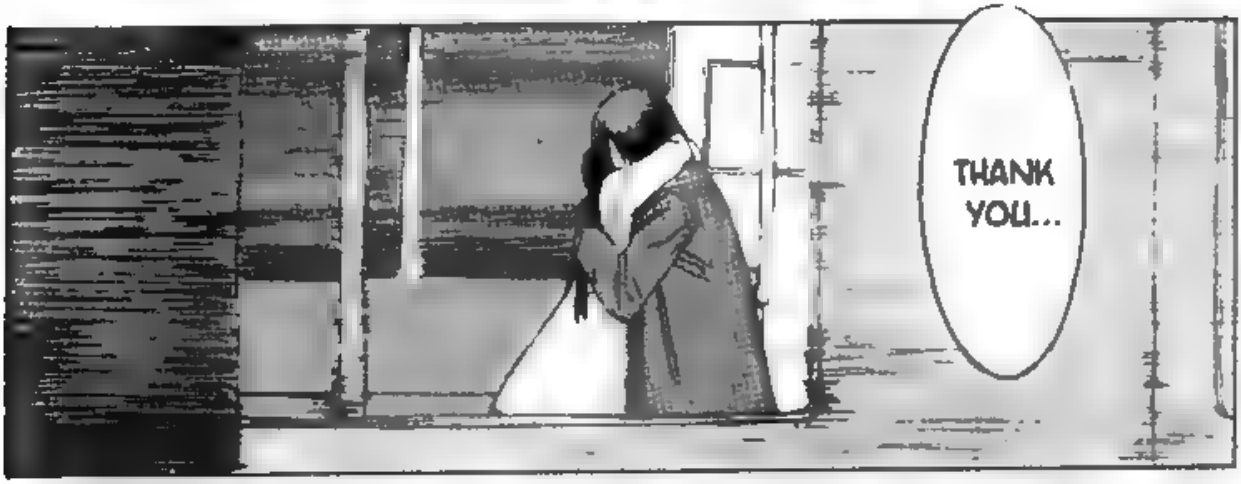
IT'S NOT OVER YET..!! CALL FOR BACKUP!!
YES SIR!
SON OF A..!
A SUSPICIOUS LOOKING MAN BELIEVED TO BE THE CULPRIT BEHIND THE RECENT STRING OF ATTACKS HAS TAKEN A GIRL HOSTAGE AND IS ON THE RUN!!
REQUESTING BACKUP IMME-DIATELY-!!
SIGH...
.....
HA HA~
THAT WAS A LOT OF FUN!!
IT LOOKS LIKE WE REALLY PUT THEM THROUGH A LOT OF TROUBLE..
BUT IF YOU ASK ME, I THINK IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO EXPLAIN SITUATION TO THEM.



NO...
MISAKI..?
NOOOOO!!!
STOP IT..!!
MISAKI ..!!

IT'S JUST AN ILLUSION. IT WASN'T REALLY HIM...
DON'T WORRY... I'LL ALWAYS BE HERE BY YOUR SIDE.
I PROMISE YOU, YOU'LL NEVER HAVE TO GO THROUGH SOMETHING LIKE THAT AGAIN.

I'M OK...
UHN...
MISAKI..?
SQUEEZE
HAAA...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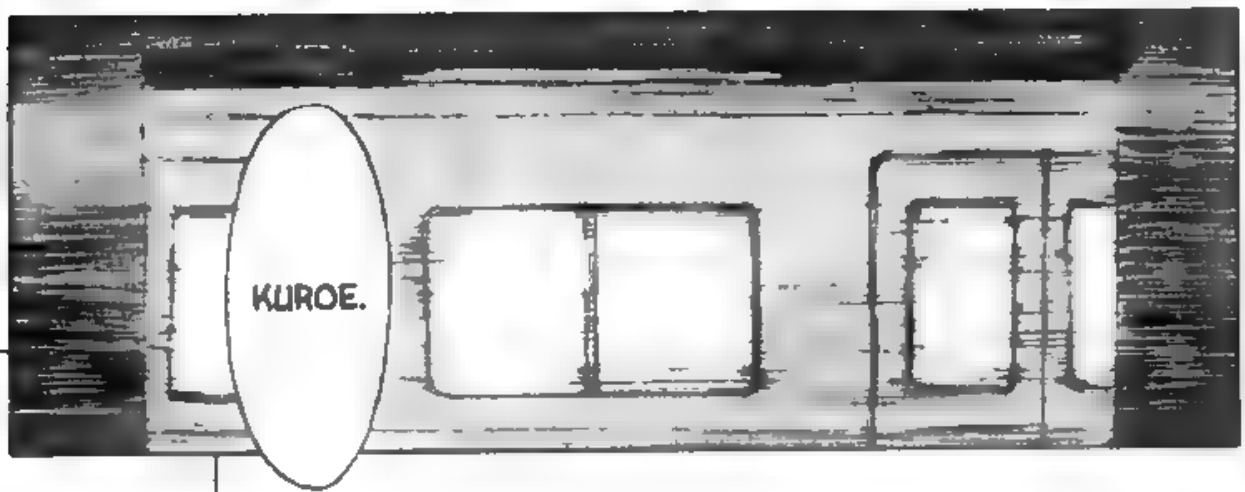
KUROE.

HONESTLY-
IF ONLY THOSE POLICEMEN DIDN'T INTERFERE, I WOULD HAVE CAUGHT THAT CAT.
NO NOT AT ALL...
I'M SORRY I COULDN'T BE OF MORE HELP.
BOW
WELL THEN, IF THERE'S EVER ANYTHING ELSE THAT COMES UP...
YES, THANK YOU. GOODBYE.
WHAT?!
THEY FOUND THE CAT.
WHAT'S WRONG?
SIGH...
CLICK
THEN WHAT ABOUT THE CAT I WAS CHASING?!
IT MUST HAVE BEEN A DIFFERENT CAT.

I'M ALSO BEAT FROM ALL THAT RUNNING AROUND WE DID.
SLUMP
Whisper
SO IN THE END, ALL THAT WORK I DID WAS FOR NOTHING..? HOW DISAPPOINTING.
WHIRRR
I'M SORRY...
I MUST HAVE MADE YOU WORRY.
BUT REGARD-LESS...
THANKS FOR TRYING.
PLEASE DON'T GO OUT WHEN THE SUN IS ABOUT TO COME UP ANYMORE OK?
OK...

WAIT A MINUTE, A CAT IN THE SUBWAY AREA..? I WAS PRETTY SURE SLY ALSO HAD A...
RING RING
BUT TOO BAD IT WAS THE WRONG CAT...
He he
WHIRRR
WELL... SINCE THE REAL ONE WAS FOUND, IT ALL TURNED OUT ALRIGHT.
SILENCE
HELLO?
GOOD MORNING!!
I'M CALLING IN REGARDS TO THE PAGES YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE READY FOR ME BY TODAY.
SO WHEN SHALL I STOP BY TO PICK THEM UP?
RING RING
CLICK
I... I GUESS I'LL BE GOING TO BED NOW.
I don't want to catch a cold
CREEP
UMM~
I'M SORRY! I'M SO SORRY! I'M SO SORRY!
AAAAAAHH~!!
.....

GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR WORK~♥
WELL THEN, KUROE...
SPIN
UMM, HELLO..? ARE YOU STILL THERE?
YES~?!
DASH
GOODNIGHT!
YOU HAD FUN TEASING A LITTLE GIRL?
HM?
HEY RALLY~!
I'M GLAD YOU HAD FUN.
HOW COME YOU'RE IN SUCH A GOOD MOOD?
CLICK CLICK
Shriek~

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Episode 2

LIVING THROUGH THE TWILIGHT

黄昏に生きて

LATELY, ALL SORTS OF ROGUE VAMPIRES HAVE BEEN INCREASING SO IT'S BEEN QUITE A HASSLE.
THEY DON'T HAVE THE LEAST BIT OF RESPECT...
HIGURE

YEAH, SOMETHING LIKE THAT..
I'LL BE LEAVING NOW. TAKE CARE.
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT A MOVIE?
WHAT ARE YOU TWO TALKING ABOUT? IT SOUNDS INTERES-TING.
MMM~
WILL YOU COME BY TOMORROW NIGHT AS WELL?
OF COURSE

CLICK
.....
WHAT IS IT?
HE'S NOT THE SAME ONE AS BEFORE.
OH HIM.?
I THOUGHT I INTRODUCED YOU TO HIM BEFORE, I GUESS I WAS WRONG

HE'S ALSO ONE OF MY RENFIELDS.
WHAT DO YOU THINK..? DON'T YOU THINK HE'S PRETTY HANDSOME?
RENFIELD...
IF YOU COMPARE HIM TO YOURS, I GUESS HE ISN'T ALL THAT...
WELL...
TO ME HE DOESN'T SEEM ALL THAT...
I DON'T KNOW.

IF I EVER GET THE CHANCE, I WOULD LOVE TO GET FRIENDLY WITH HIM.
HE SURE IS A FINE MAN.
I'M TALKING ABOUT YOUR KUROE.
OH STOP PLAYING DUMB.
MINE?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE SUCH A SCARY FACE... I WAS ONLY JOKING.
STOP IT...
IT'S JUST...
THEN WHAT DO YOU MEAN..?
REGARDLESS OF WHO I AM, I WOULD NEVER LAY MY HANDS ON OTHER PEOPLE'S PROPERTY.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT--!

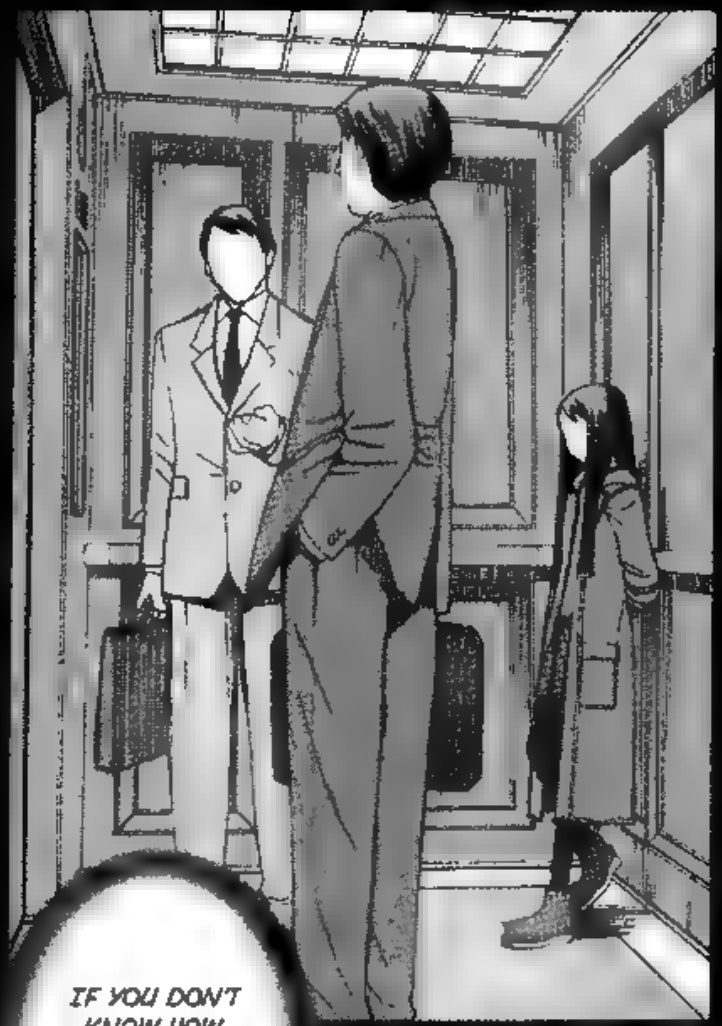
IF HE'S NOT YOUR REFIELD THEN WHAT IS HE?
HE'S...
KUROE ISN'T MY RENFIELD.
?
KUROE IS...
MY PARTNER.

I DON'T LIKE RENFIELDS.
AND BESIDES...
PARTNER, HUH...
.....
I... I WASN'T TRYING TO CRITICIZE YOU...
IT SEEMS YOU'RE STILL NOT USED TO THE FACT THAT YOUR VAMPIRE BLOOD CAN STEAL THE HEART OF HUMANS WHO DRINK YOUR BLOOD.
I KNOW.
!

EVEN IF THAT PERSON IS SOMEONE WHO I TURNED INTO A RENFIELD WITH MY OWN HANDS...
HAVING SOMEONE NEXT TO US WHILE WE TRAVEL THROUGH THIS ETERNAL NIGHT... MAKES A LARGE DIFFERENCE...
EVEN SO...
EVEN THOUGH I KNOW IT'S ALL A LIE...
.....
BUT I DON'T EXPECT A NEWLY TURNED VAMPIRE LIKE YOU TO UNDERSTAND THIS YET...
IS IT REALLY THAT PAINFUL... TO LIVE SO LONG?

AS LONG AS WE REMAIN VAMPIRES, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO LIVE IN THE SAME TIME AS THEM.
HUMANS AT SOME POINT WILL ALWAYS DIE.
IS WATCHING EVERYONE AROUND YOU PASS AWAY FIRST.
THE ONLY THING THAT'S PAINFUL...
AND THIS IS REGARDLESS OF HOW MUCH YOU LOVE THEM...
FORGET ANYTHING I SAID...
I APOLOGIZE.
I NORMALLY DON'T TALK ABOUT THIS KIND OF THING WITH OTHERS.
HOW STRANGE...

THAT MEANS IF I LAY MY HANDS ON HIM, I WON'T BE BREAKING ANY VAMPIRE CODES...
SO HE'S NOT YOUR RENFIELD.
I SEE...
TOO BAD FOR YOU BUT KUROE DOESN'T SWING THAT WAY.
I DON'T KNOW~ ONCE HE LOOKS INTO MY EYES, THINGS MIGHT BE DIFFERENT.
EVEN IF HE LOOKS AT YOUR EYES, IT WON'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
OH I GET IT... IT SEEMS YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT IT YET.
.....?



FARUMEK?

IT'S A VAMPIRE'S ABILITY TO HYPNOTIZE HUMANS BY LOOKING INTO THEIR EYES.

IF YOU DON'T KNOW HOW, I'LL TEACH YOU YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO IT AS WELL.

BUT IN GAINING PARTIAL IMMORTALITY, RENFIELDS ARE BOUND TO LOYALTY FOR THE VAMPIRE WHOSE BLOOD THEY DRANK. FARUMEK IS MERELY TEMPORARY HYPNOSIS.
BUT...
IT'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.
HOW'S THAT ANY DIFFERENT FROM TURNING SOMEONE INTO A RENFIELD?
RENFIELDS BECOME PARTIALLY IMMORTAL BY DRINKING THE BLOOD OF A VAMPIRE.
I DON'T NEED AN ABILITY LIKE THAT WITH KUROE...
DON'T THINK ABOUT IT TOO MUCH, THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH JUST LEARNING HOW TO DO IT.

HUH.?
SLIDE
NO, IT'S NOTHING
WHAT'S WRONG?
I WAS JUST WONDERING WHY THAT GIRL DIDN'T GET OFF ON THIS FLOOR
MAYBE SHE'S GETTING OFF AT THE NEXT FLOOR...
WAIT A SECOND.. ISN'T THIS THE TOP FLOOR OF THIS BUILDING?
YEAH, I REALLY DON'T THINK THERE'S A FLOOR ABOVE THIS ONE!

HYPNOSIS MAY SOUND KIND OF RIDICULOUS...
BUT THERE ARE HUMANS THAT CAN DO IT AS WELL RIGHT?
AND I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD OF PEOPLE FALLING IN LOVE AFTER A SINGLE GLANCE RIGHT?
WELCOME BACK.
THE HYPNOSIS CAST BY VAMPIRES IS JUST A BIT STRONGER THAN WHEN HUMANS DO IT, THAT'S ALL.
THANKS.

WHAT'S WRONG?
JUST STAY STILL FOR A MINUTE.
HUH..?
I GUESS IT WON'T HURT TO TRY IT OUT...
?

!
IT'S REALLY SIMPLE TO DO.
ORDER THEM TO LISTEN TO EVERYTHING YOU SAY.
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS LOOK INTO THEIR EYES AND ORDER THEM...
I SHOULD TEST TO SEE IF IT WORKED...
IN ANY CASE...
I WONDER IF IT WORKED..?

I FEEL LIKE EATING SOMETHING SWEET...
I, UM...
!
.....

HERE YOU GO.
!
TADAA
DI... DID IT WORK?!
.....!!

KU...
KUROE!
I THINK IT REALLY WORKED..!
WHA, WHA... WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
SOMETHING HE NORMALLY WOULDN'T DO EVEN IF I ASKED...
B... BUT I CAN'T BE SURE JUST YET. I NEED TO ASK HIM TO DO SOMETHING ELSE TO BE SURE.
KI...
UMM...
I WANT YOU TO...
YES?

KISS
ME...
ALRIGHT
WHA..?!

HUH?
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS! HE SAID YES SO EASILY!
MISAKI...
KUROE..! I'M NOT READY YET~!!
WA, WA, WA... WAIT!!
WHAT?!

DID I FOOL YOU?
.....
HYPNOSIS WON'T WORK ON MY EYES.

BUT STILL... I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU ORDERED ME TO KISS YOU...
WHAT THE..?!
HEY!!
THEN YOU TRICKED ME!!

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Episode 3

SOUL SLAVE part 1

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IT'S FINE.
EVEN THOUGH IT WON'T HELP SAVING THIS NOW
IF ONLY YOU'D ALLOW THE TRIAL TO CONTINUE. I'M SURE WE COULD HAVE GOTTEN A DIFFERENT RULING
I'M RATHER DISAP-POINTED IN YOU
THIS IS WHAT I DESERVE.
I'VE KILLED TOO MANY PEOPLE...
MR. MORIYAMA
THE CRIMES YOU COMMITTED WERE ALL SOMETHING YOUR COUNTRY
I HAPPEN TO THINK DIFFERENTLY

I LIKED KILLING PEOPLE...
IT'S SOMETHING THAT WON'T GO AWAY AS LONG AS I'M ALIVE.
I...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO APOLOGIZE ...
I'M SORRY I TARNISHED YOUR NAME AND RECORD AS A LAWYER.
THERE'S NO WAY TO STOP IT.
YOU'RE REALLY TOO NICE OF A PERSON...
YOU'RE NOT THE USUAL MURDERER.
AND IT'S SOCIETY THAT CAUSED YOU TO BECOME A MURDERER, SO IT SHOULD TAKE RESPONSIBILITY AND...
IT'S EXACTLY BECAUSE YOU SAY THINGS LIKE THAT, YOU SHOULDN'T BE EXECUTED.

TIMES UP MR. MORIYAMA, PLEASE LEAVE THE ROOM.
I UNDER-STAND...
I HOPE I'LL BECOME SOMEONE LIKE YOU.
IF I'M TO BE REBORN AGAIN...
MR. MORIYAMA...
I HAVE ONE LAST REQUEST...
I GUESS THIS IS GOODBYE.
WILL YOU LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY?

TIME OF DEATH IS CONFIRMED AT 4:37 PM.
HMP... I'M GLAD IT'S FINALLY OVER.
YES, THESE DAYS WE USE LETHAL INJECTION, SO THEY FEEL NO PAIN AS THEY SLIP AWAY.
THAT'S...
SO IS THIS HOW THIS COUNTRY TAKES CARE OF ITS UNWANTED "EVIL" PEOPLE?
BUT IT WAS YOU AND THE REST OF SOCIETY THAT HELPED TO CREATE HIM.
WITHOUT A DOUBT, HE WAS A COLD BLOODED KILLER.
EXECUTING HIM WAS THE WRONG THING TO DO.
IF ONLY THE TRIAL HAD CONTINUED, THIS WAS A GAME I COULD HAVE DEFINITELY WON.

A GAME HUH?
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, YOU DO LOOK LIKE A CHILD THAT'S SULKING OVER HAVING LOST A GAME RIGHT NOW.
IF YOU'RE SAYING THAT MAN WHO JUST DIED WAS A MERE RESULT OF YOU HAVING LOST A GAME...
DOES THAT MEAN ALL THE PEOPLE THAT MAN KILLED WERE JUST A WAY OF KEEPING SCORE IN THIS GAME OF YOURS?
WHAT IS IT EXACTLY THAT YOU HAD RIDING ON YOUR GAME?
CIVIL ORDER AND PEACE? FREEDOM AND JUSTICE?
OR WAS IT MONEY? PERHAPS FAME..?
.....
I'M JUST DOING WHAT THE LAW TELLS ME TO DO.
I'VE NEVER ALLOWED MY EMOTIONS TO TAKE OVER MY REASONING.
MAY I ASK WHO YOU MIGHT BE..?

.....
YOU'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE ME, I HAVE WORK TO DO NOW...
I'M SAINOME FROM THE FORENSICS DEPARTMENT.
I'M NOT SURE WHY, BUT SHE WANTED TO SEE THE CORPSE OF THE KILLER ONCE HE WAS EXECUTED.
WHY IS SOMEONE FROM FORENSICS HERE?
HIS CORPSE..?

COME ON, KUROE~ WAKE UP!
KUROE...
MMM~
HONESTLY..
JUST A FEW MORE MINUTES...
OUCH!!
.....

DON'T WORRY, I DIDN'T DRINK ANY OF YOUR BLOOD.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I WAS WORRIED ABOUT!
DID YOU REALLY HAVE TO BITE ME..?
I WOULD NEVER DO SOMETHING AS BARBARIC AS DRINKING BLOOD DIRECTLY FROM PEOPLE'S NECKS~
I ONLY DRINK BLOOD OUT OF A GLASS.
I'M GOING TO TAKE A SHOWER...
DON'T WORRY, I DIDN'T FORGET MY PROMISE TO TAKE YOU OUT TODAY.

I ALREADY CHOOSE WHAT TO WEAR BEFORE I WENT TO SLEEP YESTERDAY.
HE HE..!
AFTER ALL, IT'S BEEN SUCH A LONG TIME SINCE WE WENT OUT LIKE THIS. I WON'T LET ANY PRECIOUS TIME GO TO WASTE.

OH? HOW UNEX-PECTED..!
I WAS WORRIED THAT YOU HAD FORGOTTEN SINCE YOU'VE BEEN SPACING OUT SO OFTEN LATELY I THOUGHT PERHAPS YOU WERE GETTING OLD AND SENILE

.....
WE'LL LEAVE ONCE I'M DONE TAKING A SHOWER, SO YOU'D BETTER GET READY.

I'M GOING TO LEAVE YOU BEHIND IF YOU'RE STILL TRYING TO PICK OUT WHAT TO WEAR BY THE TIME I'M DONE.

DING DONG

SLAM

JUST LIKE... WHEN I FIRST MET HER A LONG TIME AGO...
SHE'S BEGUN TO SMILE AGAIN NOW...
DRIP

GOOD EVENING.
OH DEAR, DID I CATCH YOU AT A BAD TIME?
SAINOME...
SO WHAT'S SO URGENT THAT YOU HAD TO COME OVER WITHOUT EVEN CALLING FIRST?
SORRY ABOUT THAT, IT HAPPENED KIND OF SUDDENLY.
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT YOU TO TAKE A LOOK AT FOR ME.

I'M GOING TO TAKE A NAP... WAKE ME ONCE WE GET THERE.
THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR STAYING UP SO LATE.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO LECTURE ME, PLEASE SAVE IT FOR ANOTHER TIME
TEDDY BEAR PILLOW...
WHAT WAS THAT?
NOTHING, I WAS JUST TALKING TO MYSELF.

I'M SORRY, I'LL BE BORROWING HIM FOR A BIT.
BE GOOD AND WAIT HERE, I'LL BE BACK SOON.
I WILL.
THAT'S RIGHT../ IF YOU'RE FREE AFTER THIS, WHY DON'T YOU COME WITH US?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I GUESS THIS WAS A BAD TIME.
IF YOU ASK ME, I'M SURE SHE'LL BE HAPPY IF YOU CAME ALONG.
I'LL PASS, I DON'T WANT TO BE HATED ANYMORE THAN I ALREADY AM.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
YEAH, IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I TOOK HER OUT SO I THOUGHT I'D TAKE HER TO A RESTAURANT TO EAT.
YOU WERE PLANNING ON TAKING MISAKI OUT TONIGHT RIGHT?

WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING ABOUT..?
REALLY?
YES, REALLY. ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
GOD HE'S ALWAYS BEEN SO NAIVE...
SHE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO TONIGHT BECAUSE IT WAS GOING TO BE JUST YOU AND HER.
HUMM
.....
OF COURSE..! THERE WAS A TIME WHEN I THOUGHT THERE WAS NO HOPE FOR YOU AT ALL...
I GUESS IT'S ALL THANKS TO HER.
YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT...
YOU THINK SO..?
OH, NOTHING. IT'S JUST, YOU'VE GOTTEN A LOT MORE GENTLER LATELY.

ARE YOU STILL TRYING TO GET REVENGE FOR YOUR SISTER?
ARE YOU STILL AFTER HIM..?
YES...
THAT MAN...
I WON'T...
EVER STOP LOOKING FOR HIM...
THE VAMPIRE THAT STOLE ALL THE LIGHT FROM MY SISTER AND MISAKI'S DAD,
AND ALL THE LIGHT FROM MISAKI AS WELL...

Note Ne-san = sister

WHA..?!
AREN'T YOU..?!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO MY SISTER~?!!
SWIPE

KKK..!
THUD
NE-SAN..!
NE-SAN ..!
I BEGAN TO SEE THINGS I COULDN'T SEE BEFORE.
AFTER EVER SINCE EYES MY HEALED FROM THE INJURY HE GAVE ME...
THAT WAS THE LAST TIME I SAW MY SISTER...

HE USED TO BE A DETECTIVE RIGHT ?
FROM THE LOOKS OF HIM, HE DOESN'T REALLY SEEM LIKE ONE
SO HE'S A SERIAL MURDERER HUH?
YES. I'M SURPRISED YOU REMEMBERED
I WANTED TO KNOW IF YOUR EYES DIDN'T NOTICE ANYTHING STRANGE.
I WANT YOU TO LOOK AT HIM.
SO WHAT DID YOU WANT ME TO DO. ?
ANYTHING STRANGE HUH.

NOTHING ...
IT'S JUST A NORMAL CORPSE, NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS.
WELL?
I SEE...
IS THAT IT?
THANKS, YOU WERE REALLY HELPFUL.
.....
IS THERE SOMETHING THAT'S BUGGING YOU ABOUT HIM?
AREN'T YOU A SPECIALIST WHEN IT COMES TO ANALYZING CORPSES? WHY DID YOU NEED ME TO LOOK AT HIM?

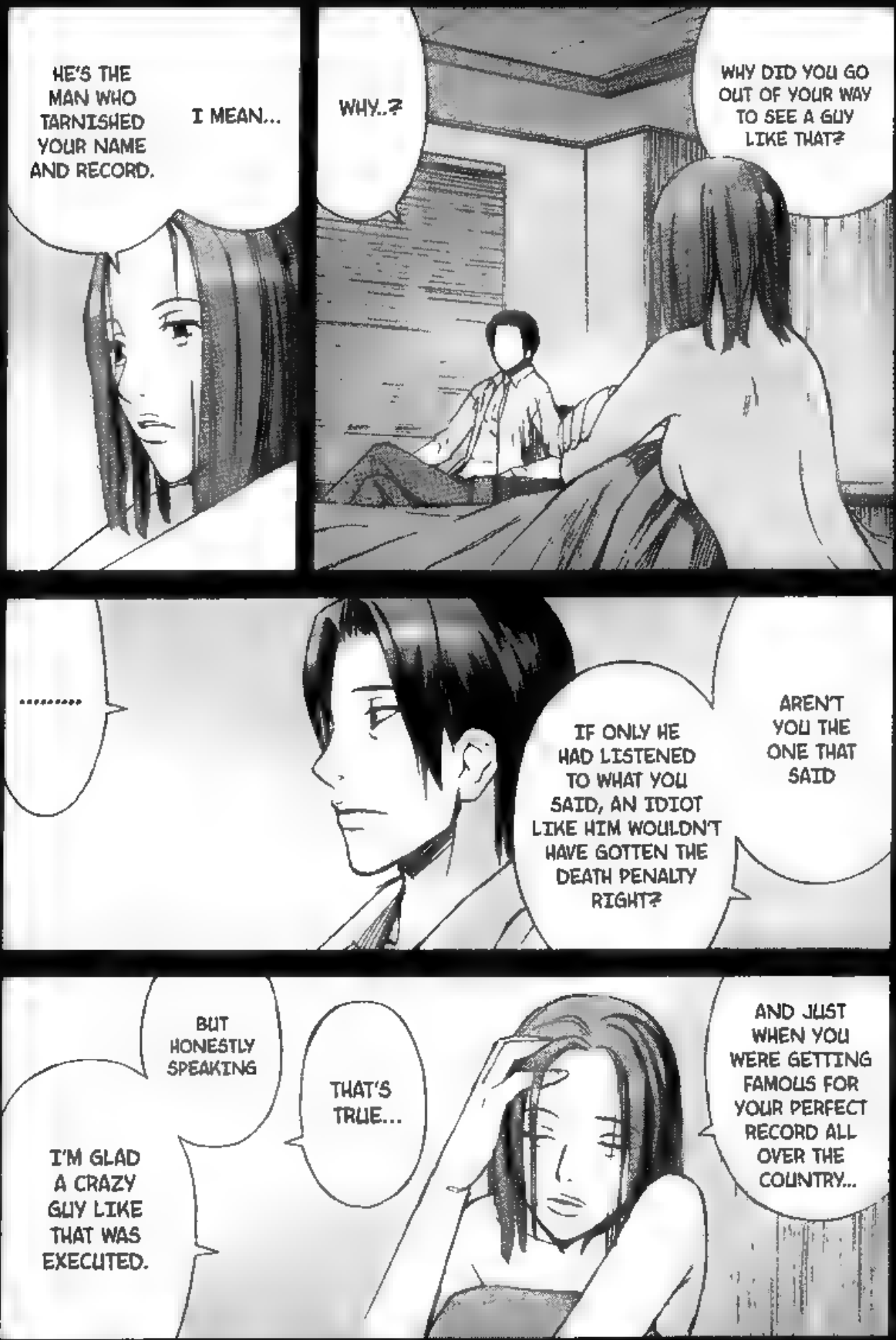
IS THAT THE ONE WHERE THE MURDERER DIED BEFORE THE CASE COULD BE SOLVED?
10 YEARS AGO...
DO YOU REMEMBER?
ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO THERE WAS A VERY SIMILAR CASE INVOLVING A SERIAL MURDERER.
HOW DID HE DIE? WAS IT AN ACCIDENT?
BUT HE WAS JUST A SUSPECT FOR THE MURDERS.
YES, THAT'S THE ONE.
THAT'S AWFUL...
HE COMMITTED SUICIDE IN THE INTERROGATION ROOM WHILE BEING QUESTIONED.
THE YOUNG DETECTIVE THAT FIRST FOUND HIM DEAD...

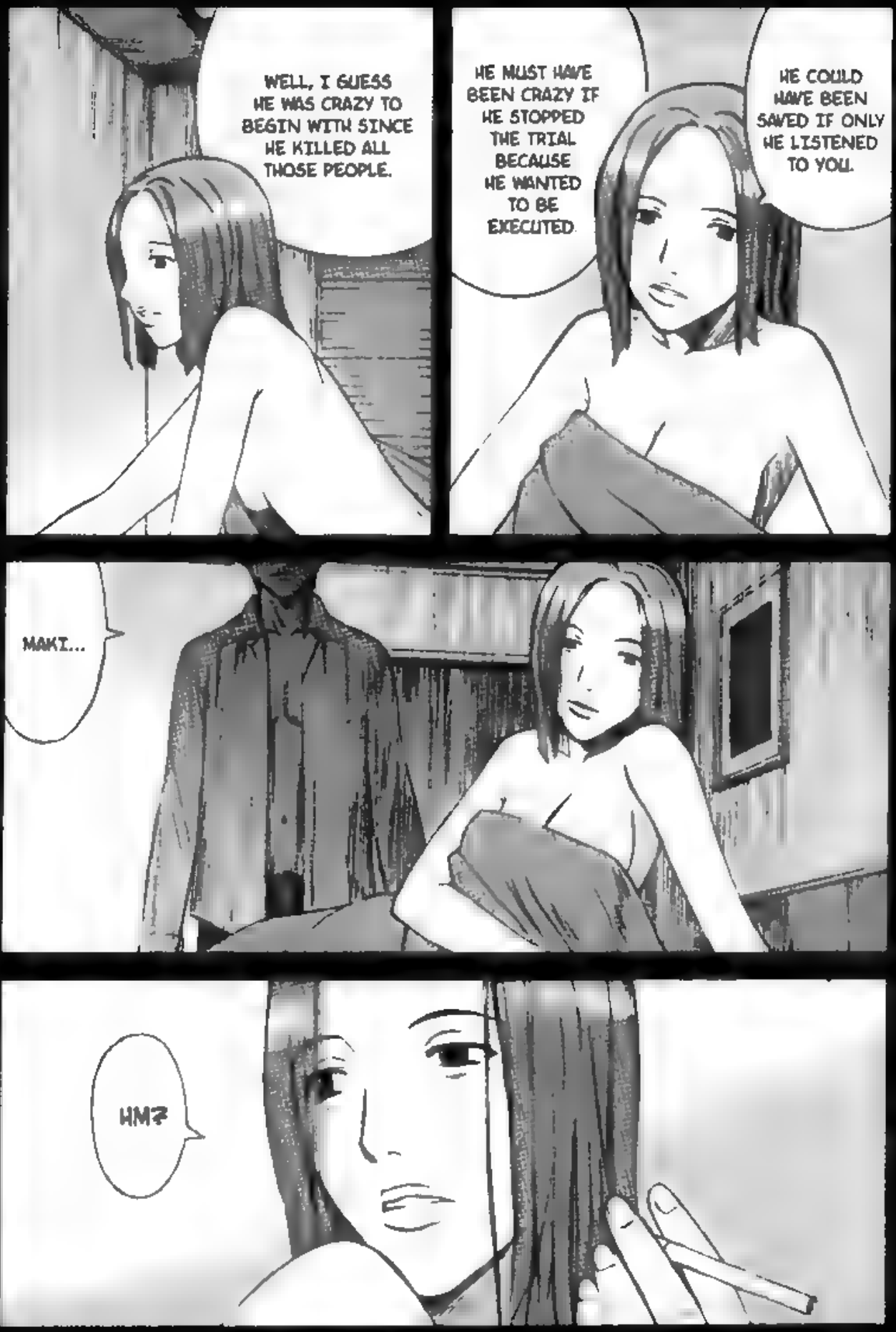
BUT THAT WASN'T THE CASE RIGHT?
EVERYONE THOUGHT THE MURDERS WERE OVER ONCE THE SUSPECT KILLED HIMSELF.
EXACTLY, A NEW MURDERER APPEARED.
!
IS THE CORPSE SITTING RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU NOW.
SO THE SUSPECT THAT COMMITTED SUICIDE WAS REALLY KILLED BY THIS MAN AND MADE TO LOOK LIKE A SUICIDE?
TO THINK THAT THE MURDERER WOULD TURN OUT TO BE A POLICE OFFICER...
AND THE MURDERER WAS THIS MAN.
THE WAY THE VICTIMS WERE KILLED WERE VERY SIMILAR TO THE WAY THE OLD SERIAL KILLER KILLED HIS VICTIMS.
IT WAS SUCH A DIFFICULT CASE TO SOLVE, IT WASN'T UNTIL MANY VICTIMS LATER THAT THE MURDERER WAS FINALLY CAUGHT.

THAT'S WHAT THE DETECTIVES WORKING ON THE CASE THOUGHT, SO THEY DECIDED TO REOPEN THE INVESTIGATIONS ON THE OLD MURDER CASES.
BUT ALL THE EVIDENCE FROM THE OLD MURDERS HAD DISAPPEARED.
WELL, I GUESS THERE'S NO DOUBTING WHAT HAPPENED ...
THE SERIAL MURDERER ALL THIS TIME WAS THE FORMER DETECTIVE AFTER ALL.
SLIDE
ALL THE OBVIOUS EVIDENCE SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT.
!!
BUT THERE'S STILL ONE THING THAT'S BOTHERING ME...
CLICK

I HEARD MY FORMER CLIENT WAS TRANSPORTED HERE.
I CAME BY TO MAKE SURE HE WASN'T BEING TRANSPORTED HERE WITHOUT THE PROPER AUTHORIZATION.
PLEASE DON'T WORRY, NOTHING ILLEGAL WAS DONE TO HAVE HIM BROUGHT HERE.
BUT FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD, THIS KIND OF THING DOESN'T USUALLY HAPPEN.
MR. MORIYAMA?!
HELLO ONCE AGAIN.
AREN'T YOU DONE YET?!
HM? OH...
KUROE!!
THANKS KUROE.
I'LL SEE YOU LATER.
YOU CAN GO NOW.

NO, IT'S NOTHING...
WHAT'S WRONG KUROE?
I HEARD YOU SAW HIM ONE LAST TIME BEFORE HE WAS EXECUTED...


HE'S THE MAN WHO TARNISHED YOUR NAME AND RECORD.
I MEAN...
WHY..?
WHY DID YOU GO OUT OF YOUR WAY TO SEE A GUY LIKE THAT?
.....
IF ONLY HE HAD LISTENED TO WHAT YOU SAID, AN IDIOT LIKE HIM WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN THE DEATH PENALTY RIGHT?
AREN'T YOU THE ONE THAT SAID
BUT HONESTLY SPEAKING
I'M GLAD A CRAZY GUY LIKE THAT WAS EXECUTED.
THAT'S TRUE...
AND JUST WHEN YOU WERE GETTING FAMOUS FOR YOUR PERFECT RECORD ALL OVER THE COUNTRY...


WELL, I GUESS HE WAS CRAZY TO BEGIN WITH SINCE HE KILLED ALL THOSE PEOPLE.
HE MUST HAVE BEEN CRAZY IF HE STOPPED THE TRIAL BECAUSE HE WANTED TO BE EXECUTED.
HE COULD HAVE BEEN SAVED IF ONLY HE LISTENED TO YOU.
MAKI...
HM?

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Episode 4

SOUL SLAVE part 4

THE VICTIM'S NAME WAS MAKI HAYAKAWA, 26 YEARS OLD
SHE WORKED AT MR. MORIYAMA'S LAW FIRM.
WE BELIEVE THE BODY'S BEEN HERE FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 HOURS.
THE OWNER OF THIS BUILDING FOUND THE BODY WHILE HE WAS MAKING HIS ROUNDS.
THIS BUILDING HADN'T BEEN USED FOR A WHILE, AND NOBODY ELSE WAS HERE.

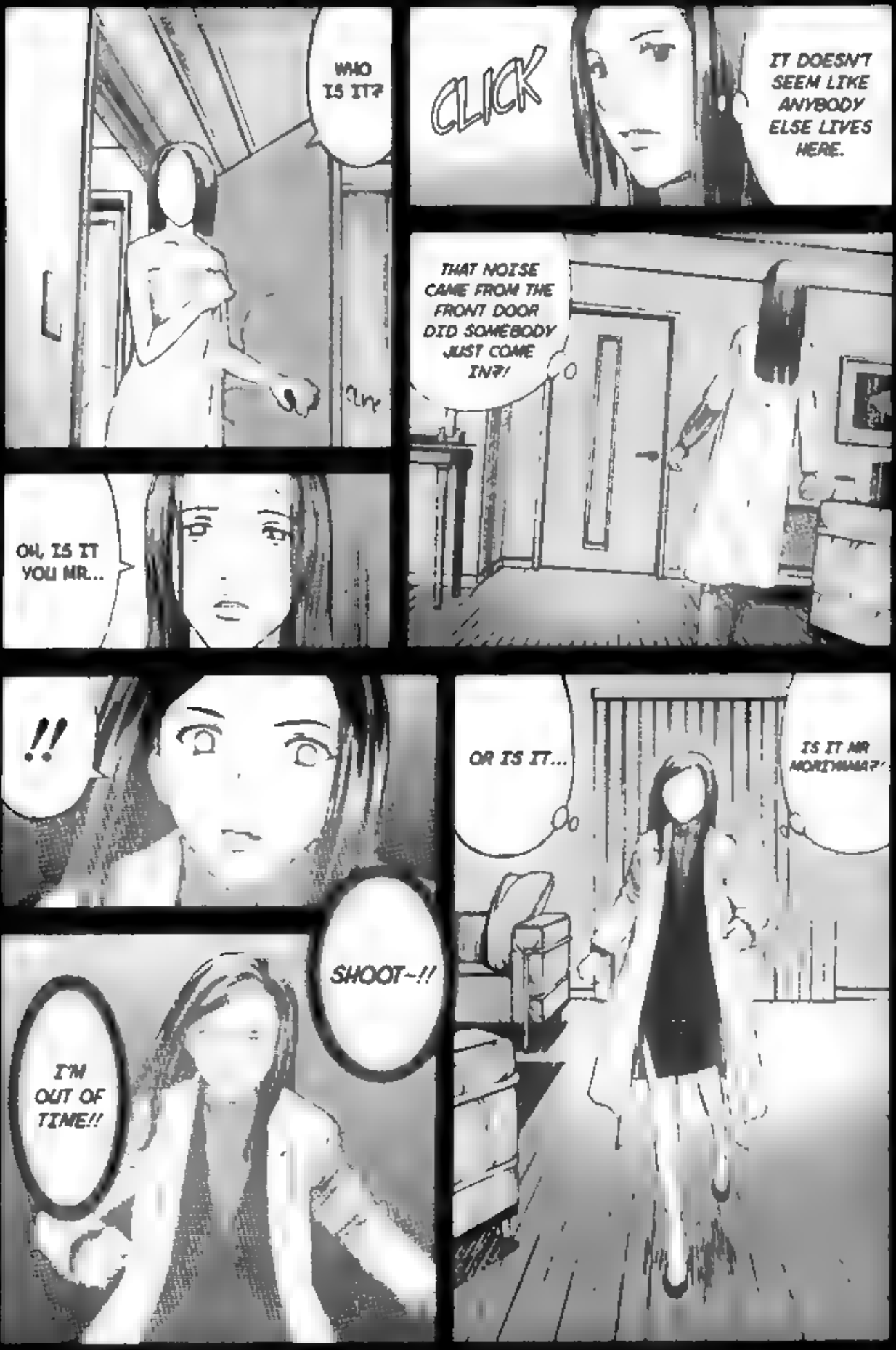
BUT THERE HAVE BEEN SO MANY ARTICLES IN MAGAZINES AND WHATNOT DETAILING IT ALL, SO IT WOULDN'T BE STRANGE FOR SOMEONE TO COPY THEM RIGHT?
IT'S NOT LIKE I DON'T BELIEVE YOUR THEORY MS. SAINOME, BUT .
DEFINITELY, THE WAY SHE WAS MURDERED IS SIMILAR TO ALL THOSE SERIAL MURDERS..
BUT I PROBABLY DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU ANY OF THIS, SINCE YOU'RE THE EXPERT AFTER ALL...
RIGHT MS SAINOME?
MAY I HAVE A LOOK?
OF COURSE.
IT'S OK, YOU'VE ALREADY DONE SO MUCH FOR US.
I'M SORRY FOR MAKING A REQUEST LIKE THIS.
EVEN IF SHE'S WITH FORENSICS, I DON'T THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE TO BE ALLOWING SOMETHING LIKE THIS.
HM?
ARE YOU SURE IT'S OK BOSS?

SHE'S TALKING TO THE DEPARTED SPIRIT.
HUH..? WHAT IS SHE DOING?
OUR PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY GONE OVER ALL THE EVIDENCE, I DON'T SEE WHAT SHE'S GOING TO FIND THAT THEY DIDN'T...
RELAX, SHE'LL ONLY TAKE A MINUTE.
MS. SAINOME CAN LOOK AT A DEAD PERSON'S MEMORIES.
I GUESS YOU DIDN'T KNOW...
WHAT? SHE'S TALKING TO HER..? BUT HOW CAN SHE TALK TO A DEAD BODY?
THE MEMORIES OF THE VICTIM RIGHT BEFORE THEY WERE KILLED.
TAP

MAKI..
!
HM?

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SPEND THE NIGHT?
I'M GOING TO HEAD HOME NOW
YEAH.
MY WIFE'S BEEN GETTING ON MY BACK FOR STAYING OUT SO OFTEN
HA HA. YOU TALK AS IF YOU HAVE A SCARY WIFE
GOODNIGHT

MR. MORIYAMA"
!!
THAT'S ONLY BECAUSE YOU'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE.
WHEN SHE WAS STILL A PART OF OUR DEPARTMENT'S INVESTIGATIVE TEAM, SHE HELPED US A COUNTLESS NUMBER OF TIMES
I DON'T KNOW HONESTLY SPEAKING, I DON'T REALLY BELIEVE IN THAT OCCULT STUFF
SHE MUST HAVE LIVED ALONE IN THIS APARTMENT


WHO IS IT?
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IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE ANYBODY ELSE LIVES HERE.
THAT NOISE CAME FROM THE FRONT DOOR DID SOMEBODY JUST COME IN?!
OH, IS IT YOU MR...
!!
OR IS IT...
IS IT MR MORIYAMA?!
SHOOT~!!
I'M OUT OF TIME!!

WHOOSH
NO WAIT-!!
JUST A LITTLE BIT LONGER..!!
CRASH
WHA..?!
THUD
KYAA ..?!!
SIGH--

OH, I SEE.
DO YOU GET IT NOW?
BUT, ISN'T MR. MORIYAMA ALREADY MARRIED?
SO MR. MORIYAMA WAS WITH HER...
YES, HE IS.
I SEE.
BUT, I'M NOT ABSOLUTELY SURE IF IT WAS MR. MORIYAMA THAT KILLED HER.
AFTER ALL, I KIND OF DOUBT HE WOULD LEAVE FIRST THEN COME BACK TO THE APARTMENT BEFORE KILLING HER...
IT'S UNFORTUNATE YOU WERE UNABLE TO SEE THE KILLER'S FACE, BUT I GET THE FEELING WE'LL BE ABLE TO SOLVE THIS CASE VERY QUICKLY.
MR. MORIYAMA WOULD KNOW THE WAY THE SERIAL KILLER KILLED HIS VICTIMS.
CAN I ALSO ASK THAT YOU CHECK SOMETHING OUT..?
THANK YOU.
ALSO, WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR ME TO TAKE A LOOK AT HER APARTMENT LATER?
SURE, AFTER OUR GUYS ARE DONE WITH HER PLACE, YOU'RE MORE THAN WELCOME TO TAKE A LOOK.
WELL IN ANY CASE, LEAVE THE INVESTIGATING TO US.
PIECING TOGETHER ALL THE EVIDENCE IS OUR JOB

YES, SHE'S DEFINITELY ONE OF MY STAFF.
THE LAST TIME I SAW HER WAS...
.....
YES-?
WHO IS IT..?
DING DONG

DANGLE
I BROUGHT A LITTLE GIFT.
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
That's her 3rd one...
Ah~ I'm so happy!

"ADIVUARAT KURAI"
THE EYES THAT SEE THE TRUTH...
LIKE I SAID BEFORE, IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT HIM, I SAW NOTHING MORE THAN A REGULAR CORPSE.
THAT'S WHY I CAN NEVER BE FOOLED BY THE LIVING UNDEAD PRETENDING TO BE A REGULAR HUMAN.
AND THE REASON WHY MY EYES HAVE THAT ABILITY IS BECAUSE THEY WERE INJURED BY HIM.
IT'S THE ABILITY THAT VAMPIRE AND HIS BLOOD CLAN HAS.
THAT'S RIGHT...
.....

I HONESTLY DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING STRANGE ABOUT THAT CORPSE.
AND FIRST OFF, I DON'T SEE HOW A VAMPIRE OR A LIVING UNDEAD IS INVOLVED TO BEGIN WITH.
ISN'T THE CASE OF THAT LAWYER'S STAFF MEMBER, COMPLETELY SEPARATE FROM THE SERIAL MURDERS?
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.
WHAT'S THIS?
IT'S THE CASE FILES FROM THE ORIGINAL SERIAL MURDERS.
IT'S ALL THE FILES FROM THE CASE THAT NEVER GOT SOLVED BECAUSE THE ORIGINAL SUSPECT KILLED HIMSELF.
THESE FILES HAD MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED BUT I WAS ABLE TO FIND THE FILES FOR AT LEAST 10 CASES.
IF I LOOK HARDER I BET I COULD FIND MORE.
Are you sure you should be showing me this?
FLIP
OH REALLY ...

WHEN THE MURDERER IS KILLED, THE LAST PERSON HE WAS WITH
ALWAYS ENDS UP BECOMING THE NEW MURDERER, AND KILLS PEOPLE IN THE SAME EXACT MANNER.
HOW WOULD I KNOW.?
WHAT DO YOU THINK THE SIMILARITIES IN ALL THE MURDERS ARE?
THAT'S WAY BEFORE EVEN THE ORIGINAL SUSPECT WAS AROUND.
THE OLDEST CASE DATES BACK 50 YEARS.
.....
DOES THAT INCLUDE THE WAY THE PREVIOUS SUSPECT WHO KILLED HIMSELF AS WELL?
I HAPPEN TO BELIEVE THAT INCIDENT IS JUST A LINK IN ALL THESE MURDERS...
THOSE CASE FILES CONTAIN EVERY SINGLE MURDER THAT SHARE SIMILAR PROPERTIES.
IF THAT'S TRUE, DON'T YOU THINK HE WOULD STILL BE KILLING EVEN NOW?
IT'S AS THOUGH THE KILLER'S SPIRIT JUMPS FROM BODY TO BODY, LIVING THROUGHOUT THE AGES...

ALL THE OTHER DETECTIVES HAVE LEFT ALREADY.
OH, THEY LET ME KNOW YOU'D BE COMING.
ANYWAYS, IT'S THE LAST ROOM ON THE 7TH FLOOR.
YES HI, I'M WITH THE POLICE.
GOOD EVENING.

I DON'T SEE WHY YOU HAD TO COME HERE WITH HER...
DON'T SAY THAT. AND BESIDES, THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT ALL THIS THAT'S BOTHERING ME AS WELL.
SO WHAT IS IT THAT'S BOTHERING YOU?
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF YOU HAD WAITED AT HOME
REMEMBER THAT LAWYER NAMED MORIYAMA?
LAWYER?
YOU KNOW, THE ONE WE SAW WHEN WE WENT TO SAINOME'S LAB?
OH, THAT SLY LOOKING GUY.
I WOULD NEVER HAVE GUESSED HE WAS A LAWYER.
I THOUGHT HE WAS A...
MR. MORIYAMA?!

SHE AND I WERE RATHER CLOSE.
I WAS JUST REMINISCING ABOUT HER DEATH.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE..?
STARTLE
RING
RING
OH... OH, YES?
HEY MS. SAINOME, IT'S REGARDING THAT LITTLE FAVOR YOU ASKED ME FOR EARLIER.
.....
BEEP
YOUR CELL PHONE... IT'S RINGING.
RING

THE ONLY THING IS THERE'S SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS ABOUT MR MORIYAMA'S ALIBI. SO WE'LL CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE HIS STORY A BIT LONGER.
DURING MAKI HAYAKAWA'S MURDER, ALL THEIR ALIBIS CHECKED OUT.
BUT TO PUT IT SHORTLY, THEY'RE ALL INNOCENT.
I QUESTIONED ALL THE PEOPLE WHO CAME IN CONTACT WITH THE MURDERER JUST BEFORE HIS EXECUTION.
IN ADDITION, I FOUND OUT SOMETHING INTERESTING ABOUT THAT LAWYER AS WELL.
!!
DURING THE EXECUTION, HE WAS IN THE SAME ROOM AS THE MURDERER TO BE A WITNESS TO HIS DEATH.
EVERYONE THOUGHT IT WAS RATHER UNUSUAL THOUGH.
APPARENTLY, IT WAS A FINAL REQUEST FROM THE MURDERER RIGHT BEFORE HE DIED.

I... I SEE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
ABOUT THAT LAWYER...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WHAT DID YOU SAY JUST NOW..?!
THAT'S THE KIND OF AURA I FELT COMING FROM HIM.
I SAID I THOUGHT HE WAS A KILLER.
OH, HIM?

MMM...!
KYA..!
SMACK
WIST
FLOP

SMASH
IS SHE NOT PICKING UP?
THAT'S STRANGE.

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Episode 5

SOUL SLAVE part 3

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I DON'T THINK HER PHONE'S GETTING ANY SIGNAL HERE. I'M GOING TO GO CHECK UP ON HER REALLY QUICKLY.

!!
FLINCH
I GUESS KILLING MY LOVER WAS GOING A BIT OVER THE TOP...
?!
MMM...
BUT OF COURSE THERE'S SOMEONE HERE THAT'S SUSPECTING ME OF SOMETHING OTHER THAN SIMPLY HAVING KILLED MY LOVER
I EVEN WENT THROUGH THE TROUBLE OF MAKING UP AN ALIBI, BUT I'M SURE IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THEY CATCH ON.
MR. MORIYAMA... WHY DID YOU KILL HER..?
I GUESS IT WON'T BE LONG UNTIL SOMEONE FINDS OUT I KILLED HER...
!!
THESE CASE FILES...
I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF TAKING A LOOK.

OF COURSE, THAT'S BECAUSE I WAS THE ONE WHO KILLED THEM ALL.
I SEE A LOT OF NOSTALGIC FACES IN HERE.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO PLAY DUMB WITH ME.
IT'S OK...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT..?
BECAUSE I'M AFRAID YOU'LL BE DEAD VERY SOON.
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT ME OR NOT.
EVEN IF YOU KILL ME
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO RUN AWAY FOREVER.
.....

I SEE YOU'VE DONE A LOT OF RESEARCH ON ME.
IT'S EXACTLY LIKE YOU SAID../
YOU TRANSFER YOURSELF TO A NEW BODY JUST BEFORE KILLING YOUR OLD HOST, AND YOU CONTINUE TO KILL MORE PEOPLE.
I ALREADY KNOW EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE UP UNTIL NOW...
BECAUSE IF I DIED, I WOULD HAVE TO TAKE OVER THE BODY CLOSEST TO ME AT THAT TIME.
THE HARDEST PART WAS TRYING NOT TO DIE.
I ACTUALLY PREFER TO CAREFULLY PICK WHICH BODY I TAKE OVER.
BUT WHEN I MET THIS MAN, THAT'S WHEN I DECIDED ON HIM.
I COULD HAVE TAKEN OVER ANY BODY EVEN BEFORE I WENT TO PRISON.
THEN YOU PLANNED TO HAVE MR. MORIYAMA WITH YOU AT THE TIME OF YOUR EXECUTION FROM THE BEGINNING. ?

THAT'S WHEN I THOUGHT THIS MAN'S BODY WOULD MAKE A PERFECT NEW HOST FOR ME.
THIS MAN WAS TRYING TO FREE A CONDEMNED CRIMINAL FOR HIS OWN PETTY DESIRES.
IF I KILLED MYSELF RIGHT NOW, WHAT WOULD HAPPEN?
WHAT DO YOU THINK..?
.....
NOW THEN...
BUT THEN AGAIN, ONCE I TAKE OVER YOUR BODY, THE REAL YOU WOULD DISAPPEAR. I GUESS IT'S NOT A GOOD IDEA AFTER ALL.
SO HOW ABOUT IT? DON'T YOU THINK IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA?
WOULDN'T YOU AGREE THAT KNOWING HOW A KILLER THINKS AND FEELS WOULD HELP A LOT IN FUTURE INVESTIGATIONS?
.....!!

UNFORTUNATELY, I CAN'T TAKE OVER A WOMAN'S BODY.
I'VE TRIED MANY TIMES BEFORE, BUT FOR SOME REASON I JUST CAN'T.
DON'T WORRY.
.....?
.....
THE MOST IMPORTANT REASON I WOULDN'T KILL MYSELF...
AND ALSO...
ARE YOU SURE YOU SHOULD BE TELLING ME SO MUCH?
I'LL PRACTICALLY FAINT IF I EVEN THINK ABOUT STABBING MYSELF.
IS BECAUSE I DON'T LIKE PAIN.
EVEN IF YOU KNEW A LOT ABOUT ME, WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL IT MAKE?

CAN STOP ME.
NO ONE...
NOT EVEN DEATH CAN STOP ME.
THE POLICE AND PRISONS CAN'T EVEN TOUCH ME.
!!
SAINOME?
ARE YOU STILL LOOKING AROUND UP HERE?

NO... I WAS JUST WONDERING IF THERE WAS ANYTHING I COULD HELP OUT WITH.
IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG DETECTIVE?
SAINOME-?
!!
NO, I'M FINE BY MYSELF.
I'LL BE DONE SHORTLY.
SO... YOU DIDN'T COME HERE ALONE.
I'LL BE WAITING DOWNSTAIRS, IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU NEED, JUST CALL ME.
IF THAT'S THE CASE.

IT'S A PITY.
IT SEEMS I DON'T HAVE ANYMORE TIME TO BE PLAYING AROUND WITH YOU.
IT DOESN'T REALLY LOOK LIKE YOU'RE FINE BY YOURSELF AT ALL.
SO IT WAS YOU AFTER ALL.
WHEN DID HE GET INTO THE ROOM. ?!
?!

DON'T MOVE
OR ELSE I'LL KILL
?!

CRA$H

HOW DID YOU KNOW MORIYAMA WAS THE CULPRIT?
I'M OK, THANKS...
STUPID, IF I HADN'T JUMPED IN LIKE THAT, THINGS COULD HAVE TURNED OUT REALLY UGLY.
ARE YOU HURT ANYWHERE?
CAN'T YOU BE A BIT MORE NICER WHEN YOU LEND ME A HAND?
HOW RECKLESS
!!
KUROE. HE'S NOT THERE ANYMORE!
OH, MISAKI SAW RIGHT THROUGH HIM.
HUH?
ISN'T HE UNCONSCIOUS SOMEWHERE OVER THERE?
OH SHIT..!!

HOW MUCH LONGER IS HE GOING TO MAKE ME WAIT?
KUROE'S ALWAYS FORGETTING ABOUT ME LIKE THIS.
TAP
TAP
TAP
AND HE'S ALWAYS PAYING ATTENTION TO SAINOME.
EVEN IF THEY HAVE BEEN FRIENDS FOR A LONG TIME...
HUH..?
ISN'T THAT THE SLY LOOKING GUY FROM BEFORE?

CLICK
THUMP

KUROE, WHERE'S MISAKI?
....!!
DING
SLIDE
HUH? SHE SHOULD BE IN THE CAR...
MISAKI ..?!
!!
THIS KID RUINED ALL MY PLANS!
DAMN..!

WHAT AN ANNOYING LITTLE BRAT!
I WAS GOING TO JUMP THOSE TWO HERE AND KILL THEM BOTH!
!!
WOOSH
.....?

CLASP
!!
GYAAAA~!!!
SQUEEZE
TURN
AAAAAH!!

!!
MISAKI ..?!
SHRIEK-?!
THAT BRAT... SHE...
SHE BIT...
WHA..?
STAGGER

!!
KUROE ..?!
CRACK

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU JUST DID-?!
SLIDE
KUROE ..!!
WHAT HAVE YOU..?!
KUROE ?!!
YOU DON'T NEED TO HE'S ALREADY DEAD
SLUMP
!!
WHAT AN INTRIGUING SOUL
BUT THIS IS AS FAR AS HE'LL GET

IT WAS A NEARLY FATAL WOUND SO I HAD TO AWAKEN.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M TRYING TO GET AT?
....!
YOU'RE..!!
I WAS INJURED PRETTY BADLY, SO I TOOK THE LIBERTY TO HELP MYSELF TO SOME BLOOD
MISAKI... DID YOU DRINK HIS BLOOD~?!
IF YOU REALLY CARE ABOUT THIS GIRL
IT'LL BE BEST IF YOU MADE SURE I DON'T NEED TO AWAKEN TOO OFTEN
THE STRONGER MY CONSCIOUSNESS BECOMES
THE MORE THIS GIRL'S CONSCIOUSNESS WILL WEAKEN
AND EVENTUALLY, ALL HER MEMORIES

WILL DISAPPEAR
KKK..!
MISAKI...
HOW CAN THIS BE..?!
MY NECK WAS BROKEN...
UUU...
SO I SHOULD BE DEAD, BUT...
WHY AM I... STILL IN THIS BODY..?!

FROM NOW ON...
THAT BODY OF YOURS...
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU WERE ALREADY DEAD BEFORE I BROKE YOUR NECK.
THIS IS THE END OF YOUR JOURNEY.
WILL BE THE PRISON FOR YOUR SOUL.

I HEARD SOMETHING CREEPY THE OTHER DAY..!
I SWEAR I COULD HEAR SOME VOICES COMING FROM THE BASEMENT-!!
CHIEF SAINOME!!
STOP TRYING TO SCARE ME LIKE THAT-!
OH COME ON~
Geeze~
NO WAY~!!
GULP
THAT'S JUST THE SOUND OF AN EVIL SPIRIT THAT'S TRAPPED THERE.
OH THAT...
DO YOU REALLY THINK IT MIGHT BE A GHOST-?
IT MUST BE ROUGH ON YOU SINCE YOU ONLY RECENTLY TRANSFERRED HERE. YOU'RE PROBABLY JUST HEARING THINGS BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T GOTTEN MUCH SLEEP LATELY.
EVEN THOUGH WE GET A LOT OF CORPSES COMING THROUGH HERE, THAT KIND OF STORY STILL CREEPS ME OUT..!

RATTLE
...YOU.
RATTLE
WELL, THIS IS THAT KIND OF A BUILDING..
PERHAPS YOU REALLY DID HEAR A GHOST...
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
MUMBLE
MUMBLE
SOMEDAY I'LL KILL YOU...
OH PLEASE-
STOP TEASING ME~!
I'LL KILL YOU...
WELL...
I'M FINE WITH DEAD BODIES, BUT EVIL SPIRITS SCARE ME.

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Episode 6

CLASP YOUR HAND

あなたが目を覚ますまで – Until the Moment You Wake Up

SLUMP
PHEW-
AS USUAL, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR WORK. I HOPE THAT YOU'LL GET SOME REST FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY, THEN IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME.
YES, I DID IN FACT RECEIVE THE PAGES YOU COMPLETED RECENTLY.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.
BEEP
39.3°C
39 DEGREES CELSIUS
SLAP
WELL, I SHOULD BE FINE NOW SINCE I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT WORK ANYMORE...
I MUST HAVE A FEVER...
GET IT TOGETHER MAN! THE LITTLE PRINCESS IS WAITING FOR YOU!!

!!
DUCK

HEY~!
GASP
DID I KEEP YOU WAITING?
OF COURSE, AND QUITE A BIT I MIGHT ADD~
BUT THANKS TO YOU MAKING ME WAIT HERE FOR SUCH A LONG TIME, A LOT OF GUYS WERE TRYING TO HIT ON ME.
WHAT?!
WHO WAS HITTING ON YOU?!
I WAS JUST JOKING-
OH REALLY?

ANYWAYS, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?
GEEZE, DON'T SURPRISE ME LIKE THAT...
THERE'S NO WAY A GUY WOULD COME TO A PLACE LIKE THIS BY HIMSELF AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT.
I GUESS SHE'S RIGHT ABOUT THAT.
HMM, LET SEE...
RESTAURANT
HOW ABOUT I THINK ABOUT WHAT WE'LL DO WHILE WE EAT AT THAT RESTAURANT?
YOU WANT TO EAT ALREADY...?
HOW DOES THAT SOUND?
BUT I CAN'T HELP IT-

ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE NOT GOING TO EAT ANYTHING?
HM?
YEAH, THE TRUTH IS I ATE A LITTLE BIT BEFORE COMING.
I SEE...
I GUESS IT WAS JUST BAD TIMING...
IT'S FINE THOUGH, SINCE YOU ATE ENOUGH FOR THE BOTH OF US.
WHA..?!
HOW RUDE~ I DIDN'T EAT THAT MUCH!
OH REALLY?
IT'S BECAUSE VAMPIRES HAVE A HIGHER METABOLISM. THAT'S GOT TO BE IT!

!!
FOOD CONSUMPTION COMPLETE-!!
UNNGH-
NOW I'M READY TO RIDE THE HECK OUT OF THE RIDES HERE-!!
WHAT'S WRONG KUROE?
IF YOU KEEP SPACING OUT LIKE THAT YOU'LL GET LOST—
OH...
I SUPPOSE WE SHOULD RIDE A ROLLER COASTER FIRST.
YEAH...
IT'S NOTHING.
ARE YOU SERIOUS, RIGHT AFTER YOU ATE -?!

SIGH
DON'T YOU THINK THE SCENERY WHILE RIDING A FERRIS WHEEL
IS ALWAYS SOMEHOW A BIT SPECIAL?

DON'T YOU THINK SO TOO KUROE?
I'M CERTAIN IT ONLY HAPPENS WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE SCENERY WITH SOMEONE YOU LOVE .
OH, WHAT AM I THINKING-
KUROE..?
HM..?
YEAH... I THINK SO AS WELL.
.....

I'M SORRY KUROE...
IT SEEMS LIKE I MADE YOU COME OUT HERE WITH ME EVEN THOUGH YOU DIDN'T REALLY WANT TO...
HM?
I UNDERSTAND... YOU'VE BEEN PAYING EXTRA ATTENTION TO ME LATELY BECAUSE I WAS HURT THE OTHER DAY. .
AND SO YOU'RE ONLY TRYING TO MAKE ME FEEL BETTER...
THAT'S NOT ENTIRELY TRUE.
!
IT MAY NOT LOOK LIKE IT, BUT I HAD QUITE A BIT OF FUN TODAY.

THAT'S...
BUT YOU LOOKED SO BORED THE ENTIRE TIME...
.....
WOULD BE KIND OF EMBARRASSING WOULDN'T YOU SAY?
THAT'S ONLY BECAUSE A GROWN MAN RUNNING AROUND LOOKING EXCITED AT AN AMUSEMENT PARK...
IF YOU ASK ME, I THOUGHT YOU LOOKED VERY NICE WHEN YOU GOT EXCITED WHILE WE WERE ON THE MERRY GO ROUND -
OH GOODNESS..! WERE YOU REALLY WORRIED ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE A COMPLIMENT?

GOOD NIGHT KUROE.
KUROE..?
.....!!

KUROE IS..! KUROE IS DYING!!
KUROE..! HE'S..!!
SHOUT
CALM DOWN AND SPEAK SLOWLY..!
MISAKI..?!
GOOD-NESS..!
SO WHAT'S WRONG WITH KUROE?
GEEZE, DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT..!
THAT SOUNDS LIKE A COLD.
OH, I SEE...
THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY.

NO, IT'S NOT A COLD!!
HIS BODY IS BURNING UP, AND HE'S SWEATING SO MUCH..!!
AND..! AND..!!
LIKE I SAID, THAT'S WHAT YOU CALL A COLD...
CHIEF, IT'S TIME.
DON'T WORRY, HE'LL BE FINE AFTER A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP.
LOOK, I HAVE TO GET BACK TO WORK NOW OK?
THEN YOU'RE NOT GOING TO COME OVER?
I'M SORRY, BUT IT CAN'T BE HELPED.. I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF WORK RIGHT NOW..
AND BESIDES, IT'S JUST A COLD.
FINE THEN!! I'LL GO FIND ANOTHER DOCTOR!!
WHAT..?! GO FIND ANOTHER DOCTOR-?!

BUT YOU CAN'T GO OUTSIDE RIGHT NOW, THE SUN'S ALREADY OUT!
WELL WHAT ELSE AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?! YOU'RE NOT COMING OVER RIGHT?!
BUT SINCE I CAN'T COME OVER RIGHT AWAY, I'LL TEACH YOU HOW TO CURE HIM YOURSELF.
ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT...
ARE YOU READY..? YOU'D BETTER LISTEN CAREFULLY BECAUSE IT'S A DANGEROUS METHOD.
!!
UNTIL HE WAKES UP, YOU NEED TO HOLD HIS HAND.
.....
AND WHATEVER YOU DO, MAKE SURE YOU DON'T LET GO OF HIS HAND UNTIL HE WAKES UP.
IF YOU LET GO OF HIS HAND BEFORE THEN, HE'LL DIE...
MISAKI..?

YOU'RE SUCH AN IDIOT SAINOME~!!
I GUESS SHE DIDN'T BUY IT...
CHIEF SAINOME!!
OH WELL~
WAS THAT YOUR NIECE OR SOME-THING?
YEAH, SOMETHING LIKE THAT
OH, SORRY../ I'LL BE THERE RIGHT NOW.
I JUST HOPE SHE DOESN'T DO ANYTHING RASH...

I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE WON'T COME EVEN WHEN KUROE IS IN SO MUCH PAIN!!
THAT STUPID SAINOME!!
HOLD HIS HAND UNTIL HE WAKES UP?! SHE'S GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!!
THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT THAT SHE'S LYING!!
.....
SHE'S GOT...
TO BE...
LYING...

BUT...
WHAT IF...
SHE WAS TELLING THE TRUTH..?

IT'S NOT LIKE...
I REALLY BELIEVE WHAT SHE SAID...
BUT I'M SURE KUROE WOULD WANT ME BY HIS SIDE...
I'M SO SORRY KUROE...
I SHOULD HAVE NOTICED YOU WEREN'T FEELING WELL SOONER...

KUROE...

PLEASE DON'T
LEAVE ME BEHIND
ALL BY MYSELF...

.....
I WONDER WHY I EVEN BOTHERED TO WORRY?

HM..?
SAINOME?
GOOD MORNING.
YOU CAME?
MISAKI .. YOU DIDN'T KEEP HOLDING HIS HAND LIKE I TOLD YOU TO..?

N..!
NO, THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL..!
AAH~ IF ONLY YOU DID LIKE I TOLD YOU TO...
KUROE WOULDN'T HAVE DIED.
LOOK, HE'S NOT MOVING AT ALL.
BUT I HELD HIS HAND!!
I'M NOT LYING, I DIDN'T LET GO AT ALL~!!
I'M TELLING YOU THE TRUTH..!!
MMM—
SAINOME?
!!
WHO... DIED..?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

HUH?
KUROE!!
...!!
UWAAH~!!
KUROE~!!

?
KUROE~!!
MISAKI..?
KUROE!!
I GUESS I'LL BE LEAVING NOW.
I MADE A SIMPLE MEAL FOR YOU AND LEFT IT IN THE KITCHEN, SO FEEL FREE TO EAT IT ANYTIME.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, TODAY'S AN EXCEPTION... IT'S MY WAY OF SAYING THANKS FOR THE OTHER DAY.
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU COME OUT HERE.. I KIND OF FEEL BAD FOR MAKING YOU EVEN COOK SOMETHING FOR US.
BUT STILL, I NORMALLY DON'T MAKE HOUSE CALLS FOR SICK PEOPLE LIKE THIS.
PLEASE DO THAT.
I'LL MAKE SURE I'M DEAD BEFORE I CALL YOU NEXT TIME.
YEAH.. THANKS ANYWAYS.
TAKE CARE...
BYE MISAKI~

GEEZE-
I FEEL SO IRRITATED..!
WELL, IF YOU ASK ME, MOST PEOPLE WOULD HAVE REALIZED IT WAS A LIE...
IN THE END, SAINOME MADE ME LOOK LIKE SUCH A DORK.
WHAT WAS I SUPPOSED TO DO?!
I COULDN'T HELP IT, I HAD TO TRY SOMETHING BECAUSE I FELT RESPONSIBLE.
I DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE YOU WERE FEELING SICK YESTERDAY, AND I MADE YOU TAKE ME TO THE AMUSEMENT PARK...
AND ALSO...
WHEN I WAS HURT
KUROE, EVEN YOU THAT DAY..
AND WAS UNCON-SCIOUS...

UNTIL I WOKE UP...
YOU STAYED BY MY SIDE AND HELD MY HAND RIGHT?
I THOUGHT MAYBE...
HOLDING SOMEONE'S HAND HAD SOME SPECIAL POWER...
THAT'S WHY...
.....

I'M SORRY, I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT...
THE REASON I GOT WELL SO SOON...
MUST BE BECAUSE YOU WERE BY MY SIDE THE WHOLE TIME.
.....
WELL IN THAT CASE...
I DON'T MIND BEING LIED TO.

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SLAM
STUMBLE
CRASH
HMM ?

KYAAA-!?!!
CLASP
KUROE ..?
ARE YOU HOME..?
I'M HOME~
WHAT ARE YOU..?!
DID YOU GO TO SLEEP ALREADY?
WHAT'S THIS..?
BUT YOU TOLD ME TO GO TO SLEEP FIRST BECAUSE YOU WOULDN'T BE BACK UNTIL MUCH LATER...
THUMP
THUMP
KU... KUROE!!

HMM—?
KUROE... ARE YOU DRUNK BY ANY CHANCE?
!!
I SEE, SO YOU DID GO TO SLEEP—
SNICKER SNICKER
AAAH~ MY MISAKI IS SO CUTE..!
SQUEEZE
KYAA..!
HUG
がばっ
I'M COMPLETELY DRUNK—!!
BLUSH
WAIT..! KUROE, PLEASE...

YOU'RE HEAVY KUROE~!
UWAA~!!
FLOP
SMOOCH
HYAAA?!
KUROE, NO STO...!
WAIT..! NOT THERE..!
WAVE
WAVE
HA... HA HA!
KUROE... AH HA HA HA! THAT TICKLES..!!
HONESTY ..!

....!!
KUROE GETS SO WILD WHEN HE DRINKS.
TURN
.....
HIS KISS MARK...
EH HE HE- IT'S STILL THERE...

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